WHAT A CHILD OF GOD MAY LOSE

Text: I Cor. 3:12-15

Intro. A child of God is one who has been born again. He has trusted the Lord for his salvation. God gives unto all His children eternal or everlasting life. There is no danger of a child of God losing his salvation. He is secure and safe in the Lord’s hand. While a child of God will not lose his salvation there are other things that he can lose.

I. A CHILD OF GOD MAY LOSE THE JOY OF SALVATION.

A. Joy accompanies salvation.
1. After the jailor was saved he rejoiced believing in God. Acts 16:34
2. The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. Acts 5:41
3. David prayed for the Lord to restore the joy of salvation. Psa. 51:12

B. We lose the joy of salvation through sin.
1. Psalm 51 is David’s confession of sin. Psa. 51:8
2. Peter was defeated and broken hearted after he denied the Lord 3 times.
3. Obedience is not grievances, but disobedience is. I John 5:3
4. When the joy and gladness is gone from our hearts it is because of some sin.

II. A CHILD OF GOD MAY LOSE HIS FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

A. Fellowship with God is enjoyed by saved people.

1. Study I John 1:6,7 to see this truth.
2. We walk and talk with the Lord as we enjoy fellowship with Him.
3. We rejoice in His services. We long for a deeper experience with Him.
4. We desire to do more for Him.
5. We love to go to God’s house and be with His people.

B. We lose fellowship with God through sin.
1. Adam and Eve who communed with God hid from God, after they sinned.
2. David confesses the guilt and uncleanness in his heart in Psa. 51.
3. When saved people become entangled with the world they soon drop out of the services of God.
4. Sin will chill our hearts for the Lord. Matt. 24:12
5. When we walk in darkness we cannot have fellowship with God. I John 1:6
III. A CHILD OF GOD MAY LOSE HIS TESTIMONY.

A. We have a testimony for Christ.
   1. The woman of Samaria drunk of the water of life and her life was changed. John 4
   2. Saul was saved and transformed into the Apostle Paul
   3. You have a testimony for the Lord as a saved person that must be guarded.

B. We lose our testimony through sin.
   1. Lot who was told to warn his girls and their husbands seemed as one who mocked. Gen. 19:14
   2. Lot lost his family to the ways of Sodom.
   3. Many backslidden, worldly, backbiting, gossiping parents can't influence their families or friends because of the life they have lived in front of them.

IV. A CHILD OF GOD MAY LOSE HIS ASSURANCE OF SALVATION.

A. We are assured of salvation.
   1. Salvation is the blessed encounter with Jesus Christ. We repent of sin and believe in the Lord.
   2. When you are saved you are changed and made a new person in Christ. II Cor. 5:17
   3. You are saved eternally. Even if you can't accept the security of the believer, you are secure.
   4. The witness of the Spirit, love for the brethren, attitude toward sin, and obedience to the word give evidence of your salvation. Rom. 8:16; I John 3:14

B. We lose the assurance of salvation through sin.
   1. Worldly living cause doubts of salvation. We may reason that a saved person wouldn't do this or that.
   2. Only God knows how far a saved person can go into sin.
   3. We may go so deep in sin and so far away from God we may wonder if we have ever been saved.
   4. False teaching has led many people to believe you can lose your salvation.
   5. Assurance of salvation is enjoyed as we confess our sins and live in the light.

V. A CHILD OF GOD MAY LOSE PHYSICAL LIFE.

A. Physical life is a blessing of God.
   1. Notice the promise made in Prov. 3:1,2
   2. Notice the words of Paul in Eph. 6:2,3.
   3. Righteousness tends to life. Prov. 11:19

B. We lose physical life through sin.
   1. Many Israelites died because of their sin and rebellion against God as they left Egypt.
   2. Moses died this side of the promised land because of his sin.
   3. Achan and his family were stoned to death because of sin.
   4. Ananias and Sapphira died because they lied to God and His Spirit. Acts 5:1-8
   5. Paul told the Corinthian church to turn some over to the destruction of the flesh. I Cor. 5:5

WHERE THEN IS THE ONE?

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I. HE IS GIVING THANKS. V 15,16

A. I Thess. 5:18
   B. Thanks expressed by the righteous. Psa. 140:13
      1. For salvation. II Cor. 9:15
      2. For answered prayer. John 11:41 Jesus thanked God for answering His prayer.
         We should do no less.
      3. For VICTORY. I Cor. 15:57

II. HE IS GIVING HIS TIME.

A. He is redeeming the time, as Paul exhorted. Eph. 5:16
B. He is using his time to serve God, and glorify Him.
C. So many today say they don't have time to go to church. Have time for everything but God.

III. HE IS GIVING HIS TIME.

A. If he can sing for God he is singing. If he can teach, he is teaching. If he can play an instrument, he is playing.
   B. What about mis-used talent? What about Elvis Presley? What about John Lennon, the BEATLE? It could very well be that those who listen to their music and went ape over their death were also mis-using their talent, as well.

IV. HE IS GIVING HIS TITHES.

A. For the support of the ministry of the church.
B. For the support of the ministry of the missions.
C. God expects of His people to give not only themselves, but to give their means as well.

V. HE IS GIVING HIS TESTIMONY.

A. He is testifying by his life the great things God has done for him.
B. He is testifying of his cleansing.
C. He is testifying of his salvation.
D. He is testifying of the Word of God.
HAVE THINE OWN WAY
LORD!

TEXT: Acts 9:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

A. It is not the easiest thing to say, "Lord, Have thine own way".
   1. Especially to the lost person it is not easy.
   2. Because his way is directly opposite to God's way.
B. The backslider cannot pray that prayer until his heart is right with God.
   1. As long as an individual is out of God's will, he will be a miserable human being.
   2. He has lost the joy of his salvation.
C. Paul was one of the greatest Christians who ever walked the face of this earth.
   1. He was at one time an opponent to God's truths.
   2. He was sincere in what he was doing, but was wrong.
   3. He got saved and was a great warrior for the Lord.
D. Paul's life is very interesting and informative.
   1. He had a desire to do God's will after he got saved.
   2. A lost person's will is not according to God's will.

I. PAUL'S HEART WAS CONTRARY TO GOD.
A. He hated the saints of God.
   1. He breathed out threatenings and slaughters against the disciples of the Lord.
   2. He had no use for the people of God.
B. It is true today with some people.
   1. There are those who oppose God's people and His church.
   2. By their very actions it demonstrates the desire of their heart.
C. Christians have been hated by the devils from time immemorial.
   2. A lost person feels out of place around Christians.
D. A lost man's heart is on something else other than things of God.
   1. A person's conversation will be where his heart and treasure is. Luke 12:34
   2. Paul's heart was against God and his conversation was to do away with the people of God.
E. Jeremiah 19:7
   1. The Lord said it in Jeremiah's day.
   2. Paul proved it by his actions in his day.
   3. People today are still proving it by the way they live.
      a. Contrary to the will of God.
      b. Not willing to say, "Have thine own way, Lord."

II. PAUL WAS CONVICTED OF HIS SIN BEFORE GOD.
A. The Lord Spoke to Paul.
   1. Acts 9:4
   2. The Lord doesn't strike people down and speak to them in this manner today.
   3. The Lord had something to say to Paul and he wanted him to hear it, and hear it good.
B. Sin always brings misery.
   1. Paul in his miserable condition asked the question "Who are thou, Lord?"
   2. In his misery he was beginning to seek the right way.
   3. There is always hope for people when they begin to enquire about Jesus.
C. Paul's Conscience Was Guilty.
   1. The Holy Spirit brings conviction upon the heart that isn't right with God.
   2. This is His job. He is good at it. (Convicts lost and saved.)
D. Evil hearts have always been troubled by the Lord.
   1. Belshazzuer, the king of Babylon, thought he had it made.
   2. He threw a big party, eating, drinking, and being merry.
   3. The same hour the Lord's finger wrote on the wall of the King's palace.
   4. Daniel 5:6
   5. The Lord does reveal sin in the lives of individuals.

III. PAUL WAS SAVED AND DESIRED TO DO GOD'S WILL.
A. When Paul yielded his soul to Christ, he was actually saying, "Have thine own way Lord".
   1. He was saved, he then wanted to be obedient unto the Lord.
   2. God places a desire into the heart of a saved person to follow Him.
B. Baptism should be the first thing in the life of a Christian.
   1. Have you said, "Have thine own way" in your life concerning baptism?
   2. You will never be happy until you do.
C. Can you say "Have thine own way Lord" in giving to the church?
   1. God gave his best. He set the example.
   2. We are to follow.
   3. Paul spoke of the liberality of the Macedonian churches. II Cor. 8:5
D. Can you say "Have thine own way Lord" in my church attendance? Coming to the house of God with a prayer on your heart desiring to receive a blessing from God. Coming regular enough to be missed when you are not there.
THE BENEFICIAL TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

Subject: DISCIPLESHIP

Let us begin this lesson by reviewing what we have covered in this series. We have examined the LIFE OF CHRIST from several different perspectives as gleaned through the Scriptures. We have noticed the following: The Birth of Christ, The Brilliance of the Person of Christ, The Boyhood of Christ, The Baptism of Christ, The Beneficial Teachings of Christ. (31 lessons.)

This lesson today is lesson number 32 on the Beneficial Teachings of Christ which deals with the subject of discipleship. In our next lesson we will notice the BLOOD of Christ. Webster's Dictionary defines a disciple as a pupil or follower of a teacher or school.

In these lessons, I've tried to give a balanced teaching of each truth based on the overall concept as seen in all the Scriptures regarding each issue that we have noticed. It's extremely important to have a balanced understanding of the truths of God's Word. Unbalanced concepts can cause extreme difficulties and problems. For instance, I recently heard a lecture on shared ministry. The lecture did not include the teaching concerning the authority of Christ and His delegated authority as taught in the Scriptures. If those who heard that lecture apply what they heard without the understanding of the authority and delegated authority as taught in the Scripture, the end result will be total disaster of confusion and division in the place of their ministry.

May God enable us to have a balanced concept of the subject of discipleship. There are 6 major points that we'll consider in this lesson.

I. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO IS SAVED!

This may seem to be an elementary statement because some would say that everyone assumes that one who calls himself a disciple is saved. But, in reality, we can't assume anything. There are a lot of people today who refer to themselves as disciples who don't even teach the Bible plan of salvation. This is the fundamental and basic truth. In this area one must realize the REALITY of sin. (Rom. 3:23.) They must realize the RESULT of sin (Rom. 6:23.) They must realize that the REDEMPTIVE price of sin has been paid by Christ (I Pet. 1:18, 19.) When one realizes these three truths then there needs to be a RESPONSE when one is to be saved. (All of this is contingent upon the ministry of the Spirit.) The response is three fold: (1) Recognition of sin; (2) Repentance concerning these sins; and (3) Reception of Jesus into your heart (John 1:12.) When one has done this he is then in a position to become a disciple.

II. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO IS SCHOoled IN THE WORD!

There needs to be a Percept ion. You can't follow until you know (John 5:39.) The Procedure that one must follow is to SIT at the feet of Jesus (Luke 10:38-42) and STUDY the Word (II Tim. 2:15).

III. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO IS SUBMISSIVE TO THE WORD AND AUTHORITY OF THE LORD

The ENLIGHTENMENT of this concept is seen in James 1:11. "BUT BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, RECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES." The EXTREME importance of obedience is exemplified in the example of Saul. Notice I Sam. 15. You can't grow merely by accumulating Biblical concepts. We must apply Biblical truth to the experience of our lives. Were not here on the earth just to become some egotistical intellectual, but rather to be an effective instrument in the hands of Almighty God to minister to others and help them come to a saving knowledge of Christ and grow and mature in Him.

A disciple is submissive not only to the Word but also to the Lord. He recognizes that he is not his own. He belongs to the Lord (I Cor. 6:19,20 and Gal. 2:20.) By the way, this is the way to enjoy the abundant life (John 10:10.)

IV. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO SERVES!

The Procedure that you must follow is to find out your part in this great ministry of reconciliation. This is of paramount importance. Through your walk with the Lord you will discover that He has gifted you with some ability. It may be that God will reveal your abilities to you through a devoted Christian who has observed your life. Be open to the way that God may choose to reveal this to you. Remember, that the purpose of a servant is to please his master. We're not here to exalt ourselves or edify our abilities or gifts but rather to enhance and enlarge the kingdom work of our dear Master and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our desire should be that the glory of God might be manifested as our Lord through us, touches and changes the lives of individuals that we come in contact with (Mark 10:45 and John 17:18.)

V. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO IS SEPERATED!

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The DECLARATION of this truth is seen in II Cor. 6:17. "WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE YE SEPERATE, SAITH THE LORD AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING: AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU."

The DIABOLICAL entanglement with the world's principles and philosophies is the pitfall that plagues Christianity's advancement.

VI. A DISCIPLE IS ONE WHO SHOWS FORTH THE LOVE OF GOD.

The SCRIPTURES which present this reality are Romans 5:5 and I John 4:10,11. The SUPREME importance of this principle is seen in I Cor.13:1. "THOUGH I SPEAK WITH TONGUES OF MEN AND ANGELS, AND HAVE NOT CHARITY (love), I AM BECOME AS Sounding BRASS, OR A TINKLING CYMBAL." Love for others is one of the important ingredients in effective ministry. If you do not love God and people, you're not going to be an effective disciple. So much of the time I'm afraid that we are so concerned about showing people what "we" can do or trying to prove that "we" are right that we fail to realize that we are here as His disciples to "help" people.

In conclusion, we make these declarations. A disciple is a learner, follower, and servant of Jesus Christ. As such therefore, we become an instrument or vessel through which Christ can work to minister to others. Are you a disciple?

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KEEP ON, KEEPING ON

Text: II Timothy 4:6-8

Danny Chappell

Intro.

1. I'm heaven born and heaven bound, but until I get there life must go on.

2. The Scriptures tell us that we are in the race of our life.

3. Paul said, "I have finished the course."

4. Some people never finish nor complete a project. In school-man papers are returned marked "INCOMPLETE." On the job-men cut corners and never do a job right. There are many believers who never finish the course. Some find it easier to sit on the sidelines and criticize than get in the race.

5. How do we keep on, keeping on?

I. KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS.

A. Hebrews 12:1,2

1. See Him more clearly - study His word. Matt. 11:28

2. Love Him more dearly. John 14:15

3. Walk with Him more nearly. I Pet. 5:1

B. The danger of taking our eyes off of Him. Matt. 14:29,30

II. DON'T EXPECT THE WORLD TO CHEER YOU ON.

A. They didn't cheer Paul on. Acts 14:19; 16:23

B. Three ingredients for finishing the course. Text

1. Durability - be tough, fight a good fight.

2. Direction - have a plan, cross the finish line.

3. Determination - walk with God, keep the faith.

III. FOCUS ON THE FUTURE WHEN THE PRESENT IS DIFFICULT.

A. Paul saw death was near, but he looked beyond. V6

B. We should look beyond.

1. Students - look beyond education to your vocation.

2. Parents - look beyond child rearing to the finished product.

3. Suffering - look beyond the present pain to days of health.

IV. THE KEY ELEMENT IS PRAYER.

A. God never learns a thing when we pray.

1. The benefit of prayer in times of despondency is the therapy that results in us when we unload our burden on Him. That is how He wants it. James 5:13

B. Don't ever cease praying.

1. I Thess. 5:17

2. When Daniel knew the decree was signed to prohibit him from praying he went to his room, through open the doors and ceased not to pray.

C. Don't be afraid to ask other Christians to pray for you. I Thess. 5:25

V. REALIZE THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

A. II Tim. 4:8 Paul believed there were others that were working and waiting for the Lord to come and take them home.

B. I Kings 19:9-10 Elijah felt he was all alone but God assured him that there were others who had not quit.

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KNOW THE JOY OF GOOD LIVING

TEXT: I JOHN 1:4

INTRODUCTION:

What is good living? You will get many different answers as people you ask. To some it is a good bank account. To another it may be a fine home, yet to another it may be something different from what has been stated. Good living doesn't consist in what a man may have; it consist of his relationship to God. Many saved people don't know the joy of good living.

I. KNOW THE JOY OF GOOD LIVING IN SALVATION.

A. Different religions say try this or that.
   1. Try baptism
   2. Try church membership
   3. Try working

B. God says try me and trust me
   1. We know all men to be lost
   2. Man has a hungering in him to worship
      a. Sun and moon
      b. Some a graven image
   2. None of these satisfy man
      a. Only Jesus can still the longing
         in a person's soul. John 10:10; 14:6

II. KNOW THE REAL JOY OF GOOD LIVING IN SCRIPTURAL BAPTISM.

A. Only a New Testament Church has authority to scripturally baptize.
B. Many only sprinkle and pour a candidate—this is not baptism.
C. Jesus set the example for us in Matt. 3
   1. Scriptural baptism expresses the Christian gospel.
   2. Scriptural baptism is the initiatory rite into the church after one is saved.
   3. Scriptural baptism is the badge of discipleship.
      a. How can one follow Jesus if he is not willing to follow Him in the water of baptism?
D. Scriptural baptism is an evidence of union with Christ.

III. KNOW THE REAL JOY OF GOOD LIVING IN A SCRIPTURAL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

A. Many churches today—but only one true church.
B. How may one know a scriptural church?
   1. Not by name
   2. Not by doctrine—what it teaches
C. Church membership is important
   1. The church can't save one
   2. It is important in one's relationship with the Lord.
   2. Outside of a New Testament church one can't give God the glory that is due Him. Eph. 3:21
D. One's membership is not to be taken lightly.

IV. KNOW THE REAL JOY OF GOOD LIVING IN A DEDICATED LIFE TO JESUS.

A. No child of God can truly be happy without serving God.
B. Look at someone who rebelled against God.
   1. Jonah
   2. Peter
C. You cannot be a friend of the world and of God.
D. Folks need to have their all in service
   1. Time
   2. Money
   3. Talents

THE BEAUTY AND BLESSEDNESS OF HOME

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Text: Acts 7:54-60; Rev. 21:1-7
Intro:

A. HOME is a very ENDEARING term to me! It is a place to find SHELTER, SUBSTANCE, SUSTENANCE, SUPPORT, SAFETY, SOOTHING (CALMNESS), CONSOLATION, CONGRATULATION, AND COMFORT!

B. Many PRECIOUS AND PRICELESS MEMORIES are involved in my thoughts of HOME!

1. Dad's jokes and fun making. His testimony about when and where he was saved!
2. Mother's SATURDAY AFTERNOONS (Home made cookies, pies, cakes, candies). Her words of encouragement, WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY! Her extreme sacrifice (which she did not refer to as such) in keeping her 11 CHILDREN UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST!
3. Eight boys and three girls...filled with FITS, FIGHTS, FRIVOLITIES, FUN-MAKING.
4. FAITHFUL COMPANION AND THREE LOVELY DAUGHTERS, CHALLENGING, COMFORTING, CONSOLING, through 43 years of life given to pastoring and preaching the Word.
5. At the present time: ONE TO LOVE,
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LEAN ON, LEARN FROM, TO LIGHT UP MY CORNER OF THE WORLD, LISTEN TO, LABOR WITH IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD!

C. Like my father, before me, as the evening skies began to show signs of the end of the day, I FIND MYSELF WANTING TO MAKE MY STEPS HOMEWARD! Home is where folk MEAN SOMETHING TO YOU, MINISTER TO YOUR NEEDS, MEET YOU WITH WELCOME AS YOU ARE! Beloved, take not these blessings for granted!

D. There ought to be THREE HOMES for every one! An eternal HOME in heaven. A Church HOME. A Christian HOME.

I. HEAVEN, THE BELIEVER'S ETERNAL HOME!

A place of TLC! Jesus is Tenderness, Love, and Care!

A. Heaven, A place of the REDEEMED.

1. Down here...the redeemed are often misunderstood, mistaken, misrepresented, and mistreated!

2. Jesus has gone to PREPARE A PLACE FOR all the redeemed of the Lord. John 14:2

3. Rev. 5:9,10

4. THIS IS THE HOPE OF THE AGES. Hebs. 11:10; Job 19:25-27; Psalm 23:6

B. Heaven, A place of the HIGHEST RECEPTION!

1. Down here...after the BIG FISH-FRY which Jesus and the apostles gave."This is a hard saying" Many of His disciples went back." John 6 "Will ye also go away?"

2. Stephen gets a STONE FOR AN AMEN!

3. Mark 5:17

4. BELIEVERS ARE ASSURED OF HEAVEN'S ACCEPTANCE! Eph. 1:6

5. Lazarus was not only ACCEPTED, but ENJOYED AN ANGELIC ESCORT HOMEWARD!

6. The REVIVED, RETURNING, REPENTING, wayward child was received with open arms and full hands by the CARING, CONCERNED, COMFORTING FATHER! Luke 15:23,24

7. Stephen was permitted to LOOK INSIDE THE PEARLY GATES AND SEE JESUS STANDING to receive him home!

8. A preacher relieved of his duties... one of his fellow workers writes a song to his MINISTRY AND MEMORY.... "THERE WILL BE A WELCOME ON THE OTHER SIDE!"

9. RECEIVED INTO HEAVEN TO BE FOREVER WITH JESUS. John 14:3; I Thess.4:16,17; II Cor. 5:8; Luke 23:43

C. Heaven, A place of REJOICING.

1. Down here...Seasons of joy. Acts 8:8

2. Prescription for more. Psa. 126:5,6

3. Admonition to rejoice. (REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCE, SITUATION, He is Lord of these also!)

4. HEAVEN'S CITIZENS ARE REJOICING.As they serve Him. Rev. 7:9,10,15. As they sing a new SONG. Rev. 5:9 As they place their crowns at His feet. Rev. 4:10

D. Heaven, A place of RELIEF!

1. Down here...many causes for HEAVINESS OF HEART, DEPRESSION OF MIND, AND UNEASEINESS ABOUT THE FUTURE. II Tim. 3:12,13; I Tim. 6:1

2. I am glad I can read in the Bible that GOD RECOGNIZES US AS BEING FLESH AND HAVING CARES. Psa. 78:39; I Pet. 5:7

3. I rejoice in DAY-BY-DAY RENEWAL! II Cor. 4:16,17

4. Heaven is a place without the situations which bring heaviness, depression, and uneasiness!

E. Heaven, A place of REST!

1. Read of one's plight in life and reflect about our own! II Cor. 12:24-28

2. Now, Hear Jesus say to John, "Come Up!" Rev. 4:1

3. Rev. 14:13

F. Heaven, A place of REVELATION!

1. Down here we hear with limited human ears, see with human eyes, and reason with depraved human minds. I Cor. 2:9

2. In heaven the believer will hear the things which were unlawful for Paul to utter. II Cor. 12:4 The saved will see far above that one suffers in this life. Rom. 8:18; Eph. 2:7; I Peter 5:1

G. Heaven, A place of RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. Down here...murder, rape, theft, warfare, adultery, child-neglect, companion neglect, neglect of parents, and church neglect.

2. Listen, heaven's citizens will be like Him. Phil. 3:20,21; I John 3:2 Heaven's citizens will be RIGHTEOUS WITHOUT THE PRESENCE AND PULL OF SIN, SIN-NATURE OR SATANIC INFLUENCE. Rev. 20:10

II. THE HOUSE OF GOD, THE HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

I submit to you that the LORD'S CHURCH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THESE VERY SAME THINGS ON EARTH FOR THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD!

A. Assembly of redeemed.

B. Reception of the redeemed.

C. Rejoicing of the redeemed.

D. Relief from cares and burdens.

E. Rest in the Lord.

F. Spiritual INSIGHT from the teaching and preaching of His Word.

G. A place of righteousness.

III. OUR EARTHLY ABODE should be for the Redeemed, Received, Rejoicing, Relief, and Rest.

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THE CHRISTIAN BEFORE DEITY

Text: Rom. 11:33-36  Maxie Haynes
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A. The Scene
B. The Scope
I. THE ATTITUDE OF ADORATION.
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II. THE ACTION OF DEDICATION. Vs 36
   A. God is the Cause of all things.
   B. God is the Channel of all things.
   C. God is the Consumation of all things.
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2. Lessons of Obedience
4. Lessons of dedication.

THE ROAD TO REVIVAL

TEXT: JUDGES 6:1-10  Dean Lawson
I. REVIVAL WAS NEEDED THEN. V 1-6
   A. Sin Was In The Camp.
   B. God's chastening hand was upon the people.
      1. They were burdened and afflicted.
      2. Their enemy made them their prey.
   C. Their labor was in vain - Look at Gideon
      Jud. 6:11
      1. Hiding from the enemy.
      2. Thrashing wheat in a winepress.
      3. Hard work but little results - spinning his wheels.
   D. Revival is needed now for the same reasons.
II. FIRST STEP DOWN THAT ROAD WAS PRAYER. V 6b
   A. This was a Sincere Prayer.
      1. Israel was humbled and began to look again to their sure help in time of need.
      2. The prayer was heard because God began to move on His people. II Chr.7: 14; James 5:16
III. THE GUIDESTEP WAS PREACHING. V 8 God sent a prophet.
   A. Romans 10:17
   B. Preaching leads to repentance.
   C. Preaching stirs the heart to service.

CHRISTIAN EXAMPLES

Text: I Pet. 2:11-16
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   B. The Believers.
   C. The Battling.
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III. THE SUBMISSION. V13
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   B. The Recruits.
   C. The Retribution.
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